

DECLARATION OF TIMOTHY GUICE

I, Timothy Guice declare:

1. I am a License and Standards Inspector employed by the City of Seattle Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) to enforce violations of SMC 5.55.030 and 6.500.030 and I have worked in this position since 2004.

2. As a License and Standards Inspector, I am responsible for inspecting and investigating businesses and commercial activities to determine compliance with laws and regulations pertaining to taxes, business licenses and weights and measures,

3. I am competent to testify and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge.

4. During my career, I have inspected numerous licensed and unlicensed marijuana facilities including retail stores, medical dispensaries, producers and processors. During these inspections, I have seen how marijuana is cultivated, prepared for sale and packaged. I have assisted in serving marijuana warrants. I am familiar with both the look and smell of marijuana.

5. Seattle Events A Nonprofit Corp (AKA Hempfest Central and Seattle Hempfest) hosted an event on 04-20-2017, at 120 N 35th St. Seattle, WA 98103 (this address is also known as and hereinafter referred to as "Culture Yard"). The event was publicly promoted on the internet, on Hempfest's website and in The Stranger's Green Guide a biannual free publication for members, with trial memberships from \$15. According to Hempfest's website, membership purchases are available at the door or online.

6. All marijuana processors, producers and retailers operating in Seattle must possess a Title 6 City of Seattle marijuana business license. See SMC 6.500.030. Engaging in a marijuana business without a Title 6 marijuana business license constitutes a violation punishable by civil or criminal penalty. "Marijuana business" means any person or entity that grows, possesses, produces, processes,

manufactures, sells (whether at wholesale or retail), distributes, transports, allows for consumption on their premises, or delivers marijuana with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage to the person, and includes, but is not limited to, any marijuana processor, producer, or retailer, regardless of whether the marijuana is intended for medical or recreational use. (SMC 6.500.020)

7. While on duty as a License and Standards Inspector on 04-20-2017, I was working with Inspector Adam Hollinger to check compliance of SMC 6.500. At about 04:30PM we arrived at "420 fest", advertised and operated by Seattle Events A Nonprofit Corp, located at Culture Yard. We attempted to enter the event through the garage and we were stopped by a person asking for ID or membership. After identifying ourselves we were directed to speak to Sharon Whitson, located at a vendor table. We conducted a walk-through of the premises and observed the following:

- A. A person controlling access to the event
- B. Merchandise for sale, including marijuana infused products labeled .3% THC content or less.
- C. In the backyard between the house and garage structure we observed people sitting in a circle and several appeared to be smoking marijuana and passing it around the circle. The smell of marijuana was in the air. We entered a kitchen area and did not see any marijuana consumption or food labeled with marijuana.
- D. We proceeded to enter the basement through an exterior door below the kitchen. Immediately upon entering the basement, we detected a strong marijuana odor in the basement & observed smoke hanging in the air. The smoke was dense enough to obscure the far side of the room. We spent approximately 5 minutes observing in the basement, and noticed approximately 6 individuals smoking from pipes and bongs in a corner of the basement. Over the 5 minutes, people came and left from the smoking area. An

unidentified individual approached and stated that the marijuana being consumed in the basement had been donated by one member. We did not observe any money or exchange of payment.

E. We walked along the exterior of the house to the front area where several tents were set up. At this entrance, we again observed several individuals who appeared to be checking for ID's & membership cards. We briefly spoke to several individuals who were promoting Hempfest and membership in the club. Sign-up sheets and advertisements were available on a folding table at the entrance. No marijuana products were observed at the front entrance. *Exhibit A*

F. On 05/04/2017, I logged onto my computer and searched public websites regarding 420 fest. I found advertisements at <http://www.hempfest.org/get-involved/join/>, that show memberships starting at \$15. *Exhibit B*

8. On 05/04/2017, I logged onto my computer and searched public websites regarding 420 fest and found advertisement at <http://herb.co/2017/04/14/420-events-washington-state-2017/> regarding 420 fest activities that show food, music and raffles with memberships starting at \$15/ *Exhibit C*

9. Copy of page 55 of the spring/ summer issue of The Stranger's Seattle Green Guide listing 420 fest as having a trial membership of just \$15. *Exhibit D*

10. On 05/11/2017, I logged onto my computer and searched Seattle Licensing Information Management database (SLIM) and confirmed Seattle Events A Nonprofit Corp, did not have a Seattle Marijuana business license issued under SMC 6.500.030. *Exhibit E*

11. Based on my observation, I issued civil citation MJ 17-04-002 to Seattle Events A Nonprofit Corp, with Sharon Whitson as a member, for violating SMC 6.500.030 by operating a marijuana business in

the City of Seattle without possessing a City of Seattle Title 6 marijuana business license on April 20, 2017. The Citation was sent by first class mail posted on XXXXXXXX to the last known address for Seattle Events A Nonprofit Corp.

12. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Executed this 13th day of July 2017, at Seattle, Washington.


Timothy Guice



Blow up of Exhibit A





Support Seattle Hempfest & Have A Great Time!

MEMBERSHIP PARTIES

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420Fest is a membership party hosted by Seattle Hempfest. Lasting from 3 PM to 10 PM, this party is for anyone hoping to support cannabis and become a Hempfest member. Hempfest members are invited to select parties throughout the year, and celebrations occur ever 3 to 4 months.

- **Festivities:** Food, music, raffles
- **Location:** Fremont
- **Tickets:** Memberships start at \$15
- Find more info [here](#).

HEMPFEST Myrtle Edwards Park, August 18-20.

APRIL

420Fest

420Fest will give you everything you want when you're stoned: music, food, and friendly vibes. There will also be a raffle, proceeds of which will support those imprisoned for life for weed-related offenses. The party is free for members—and if you're not interested in paying the \$30 yearlong membership fee, you can buy a trial membership for just \$15. *Hempfest Central, Thurs April 20, 3-10 pm, \$15-\$30.*

4/20 Madness!

Travel back to the days when everyone knew that one puff of the devil's weed would send you into thrashing, nymphomaniac derangement, with swing and jazz by the Washboard Cutups and the brand-new Good Herb Jazz Band. *The Royal Room, Thurs April 20, 7:30-11:30 pm, \$10.*

4/20 Pizza Party

Herban Legends, a recreational weed shop in Belltown, will host this 4/20 extravaganza featuring free pizza from 4-8 pm, raffles, miniature golf, and special deals on bud (on top of their 20% off

all-day deal). *Herban Legends, Thurs April 20, free.*

4twenty

4twenty will present mini plays and musicals and short films that "examine, celebrate, demystify, and normalize" weed consumption and its effects: *Bromancing the Stone*, a play by Joe Derr; *Do Canaries Get High* by Roger Neale; *The Grass Is Greening*, a musical by Joe Fox and John Paul Sharp; and more. *Theater 4, Thurs-Sun, \$12/\$15, April 14-22.*

Bongs & Thongs

Quazie, Morgue Anne, and friends will salute 4/20 with a

burlesque tour through "the wonderful world of marijuana." The VIP ticket, pre-sold at \$20, includes a goody bag and seating up close to those fabulous stoner booties. *Rendezvous, Thurs April 20, 7-9 pm, \$15/\$20.*

Business Panel: Igniting Creativity in a Highly Regulated Industry

Learn about current cannabis legislation on the state and federal level at this panel featuring Goodship and Cupcake Royale founder Jody Hall, cofounder of Deep Cell Industries (which makes Ruby Sugar) Kelly Ogilvie, Suncliff

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Business Info: SEATTLE EVENTS A NONPROFIT CORP <Business>

MEM

Customer #	711321		
Contractor	Vendor #	FEIN #	
		51-0677417	
Entry Date	Reinstated	Bankrupt	Internet Addr
08/30/2008			
Legal Name			
SEATTLE EVENTS A NONPROFIT CORP			
Ownership Type	Close	District	
Association		3	
Status		Activity	
Open		12	

Person	Role	Inactive
BETH MATTHIESSEN	Secretary/Treasurer	01/01/2009
DENNY COUGHLIN	Secretary/Treasurer	12/31/2011
SHARON WHITSON	Secretary/Treasurer	

Branch 000 Address 1 of 4 **Same As...**

Type

Physical BUSINESS LICENSE

3220 NE 125TH ST

SEATTLE, WA 98125 UNITED STATES

Special Mailing Instructions

Filing Options

UBI 9	UBI BusID	UBI LocID	Main	Ref #
602831967			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Trade Name

HEMPFEST CENTRAL

Open	Tax	Close	Location
06/02/2008	Separate		1 of 1

Status

Open

Branch #

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NAICS Description

711320 Promoters of Performing Arts, Sports, and Simila

Phone Number	Ext.	Type	1 of 2	License
(206) 364-4367		Business		BL

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SEATTLE HEMP FEST